

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

August 1, 2001

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RE: MUR 5163

Meeks For Congress 2000 Charles H. Reeves III, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Brand:

On January 11, 2001, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against your clients. <u>See</u> attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on July 31, 2001.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim C. Stevenson on our toll-free number, (800)-424-9530. Our local number is (202) 694-1650.

Jeff S. Jordan/

Central Enforcement Docket

Supervisory Attorney

Attachment: Narrative

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The Complainant, Andrea T. Payne, alleges, <u>inter alia</u>, that the Office of Congressman Gregory W. Meeks, 6th Congressional District of New York, used campaign funds to pay for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Singh's, airline fare to travel to an event on-October 13, 2000.

The Meeks for Congress Committee replied addressing only issues outside the Commission's jurisdiction and failed to address the allegations involving Mrs. Singh.

This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.